

HOMESTEADERS BUSY
IN NEW MEXICO

More Than 25,000 Acres of
Public Lands Filed in
November.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 7.—The report of Fred Muller, receiver of the Santa Fe land office, one of six in New Mexico, for the month of November, shows that the rush for New Mexico's public lands, of which there are still 25,000,000 acres, is not affected by the cold weather. More than 25,000 acres were filed upon in this district during the month and the fees received exceeded \$12,000.

When the hour arrived for judge John R. McPhee of the district court to resume the hearing of the suit of creditors of the New Mexico Central Railroad company for the removal of Chas. C. Murray of Pittsburg, Pa., as receiver, the petitioners requested and were granted an indefinite postponement on the plea that the attendance of material witnesses could not be obtained at this time. The hearing will probably not be resumed until next February.

THREE PLEAS MADE
TO LIBEL CHARGE

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 7.—F. H. Bligh, editor of a Tucson labor paper, has entered three pleas to the last indictment returned against him on a charge of criminal libel, his pleas being "not guilty," "force acquittal of the same charge," and "twice in jeopardy." They will be forwarded to chief justice Kent. District attorney Dick has filed an affidavit in which he alleges Bligh to be a fair and impartial trial in Pima county in reply to Bligh's plea for a change of venue.

For the second time in two years the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Linton has been robbed by a man and woman. Among the articles lost are \$55.50 in money, a \$100 watch, a revolver, a diamond and a valuable ring.

NEW EQUIPMENT TO
DOUBLE CAPACITY

Improvements and enlargements on the local G. H. & S. A. railway shops, at a cost of about \$12,000, will be completed within a week. New boilers and engines will practically double the capacity of the boiler shops and the electric lighting plant.

PERSONALS.

Frank B. O'Brien is still very ill at Hotel Dieu.

J. R. Darrough will leave Wednesday evening for Chihuahua and other points in Mexico.

A. H. Johnson, of Dallas, president of the Texas Bitulithic company, was in El Paso Tuesday night on his way west.

Mrs. J. E. Carse of Jimenez, Mex., who came here after her husband's death down there a week ago, has decided to remain in El Paso.

Mrs. F. E. Righter, 511 Arizona street, left Wednesday afternoon for a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kibby, near Clint.

DISBEAR BOARD OF TRADE

Holds Annual Election. Bisbee, Ariz., Dec. 7.—The Bisbee board of trade has elected Sam Frankenburg, president; E. A. Torrea, vice president; and P. M. Buckwalter, treasurer.

A raid was made in the red light district by a squad of officers, federal authorities and immigration employees. The raid occurred at 6 o'clock a. m., as it was rumored that a quantity of opium had been smuggled and secreted there. No "dope" was found but the officers left the place they took with them a gang of nine men.

A conference will be held before a gathering of Latter Day Saints at their church in Tombstone Canyon by David Jos. W. McMurray, of Salt Lake City.

—fell from a fence at the city reservoir while stripping some barbed wire. His injuries will compel him to remain indoors for several days.

Mrs. Ballou, who came here from Rhode Island with her husband a few weeks ago to benefit her health, died at the Copper Queen hotel.

GRAND JURY AT DEL RIO

Returns Ten Indictments. Del Rio, Tex., Dec. 7.—The grand jury of the district court has made its final report and adjourned for the term. Ten true bills were found. These include nine for felonies and one misdemeanor. One indictment for rape, two for cattle theft, one for sodomy, and three indictments for assault to murder, were found in the report.

Cold, but clear weather has been in order for the past few days. The freezing point has been reached on two occasions during the past week, though vegetation has not been damaged in the least. Truck gardeners are still marketing their produce direct from the fields.

NEW TRAINS TO BE OF

NEW AND MODERN CARS. The new G. H. & S. A. trains, Nos. 7 and 8, which go into service Sunday between El Paso and San Antonio, soon will be made up of all new and modern equipment. A dining car service will be installed, and the trains, which then will run between Gulf and coast, will be first class. Regular equipment will be employed until the new service arrives.

WILL MAKE WELL TEN

INSTEAD OF SIX INCHES

The Corsicana Oil and Petroleum company has made another change in its plans. The company well, six and one-half inches from Toyah, first planned as a six inch hole, but later enlarged to eight inches, will be still another two inches in diameter. The company now plans to make it a 10 inch well.

PECOS LAUNDRY IS SOLD.

Pecos, Tex., Dec. 7.—S. G. Fullerson has sold his laundry plant to R. C. Clarke, who will improve and operate it.

Fullerson has gone to southern California, where he will interest the large colony of Armenians now there in coming to the Pecos valley.

George B. Landrum, who returned from Fresno, Cal., where he had been called to the bedside of his mother, has received news of her death.

HAD MONEY AND JAGS.

David Bowers, who had \$45, and W. P. Murray, who had \$61, were arrested by the police Tuesday night on charges of drunkenness.

Will Pay Good Price for
Couple of Tickets to Cincinnati or Louisville. Address
P. O. Box No. 447.

Seal
Your
Xmas
Packages
With
Red
Cross
Stamps
1c
Each

SHOP EARLY

Silk Umbrellas \$5.00

Among the many excellent things for Xmas, we suggest the appropriateness of a handsome silk umbrella as a gift. We show a very special value in all silk, good strong frame, steel rod with fancy gold silver or wood handle, or the gold and pearl combined. An unusually good umbrella

\$5.00

SILVER MESH BAGS—\$1.98

Genuine German Silver mesh hand bags, white kid lined, extra strong frame and chain. This week we offer a medium size in a quality regularly sold for \$2.75 and \$3.00.

\$1.98

Same styles and quality as above but in a smaller size, worth regularly \$2.25; each

\$1.48

Sterling Silver
Novelties

Every little bit you save in making the Christmas purchases makes the gift list longer, without extra cost. Particularly we emphasize the lowness of the pricing of Sterling Silver Articles in this store. On each the saving is from 25 to 35 percent. Quality is absolutely guaranteed in each item.

Sterling Silver toilet and manicure sets, all in handsome new designs, in satin lined cases

\$5.00 to \$24.50

Sterling silver manicure tools, hair brushes, hat and clothes brushes, puff boxes, trays and scores of other suitable gift things

25c to \$5.00

Military brushes, very handsome new designs, a pair in handsome satin lined case

\$2.75 to \$8.50

SPECIAL

Sterling silver nail files, cuticle knives, seals, buffers, shoe horns, book marks, paper knives, salve jars

48c

Hosiery

Fine hosiery is a gift appreciated by the recipient. For gift purposes we offer a particularly attractive lot of fine imported lisle thread hose, three pairs in a fancy Christmas box.

Fine black lisle hose, embroidered in pretty designs in colors. A box of three

\$1.50

Fine quality black lisle, embroidered and fancy lace effects, a box of three pairs

\$1.75

Extra quality lisle, beautifully embroidered, silk finish. A box of three

\$2.25

Finest quality imported, silk lisle, new embroidered and lace effects. A box of three pairs

\$3.00

FINE SILK HOSIERY, PLAIN, IN

black and all colors, a pair

\$1.00 to \$2.50

Finest qualities pure silk hosiery in handsome embroidered effects, a pair

\$2.00 to \$7.00

Pure Silk Hose

Thursday Morning 9 to 12

Tomorrow morning, between the hours of nine and twelve o'clock, we offer women's all pure silk hose, with double soles, heels and toes, black only, with double garter top and toe of lavender. An item which will interest the "early" Christmas shoppers. None will be sold at this price after twelve o'clock. A pair

47c

Italian Silk Underwear

Beautiful undervests of genuine Italian silk, perfect fitting garments of excellent wearing qualities. These are in white, elaborately embroidered in beautiful floral designs, by hand, and in the natural colors and white. A very special value, each

\$5.00

French Hand Made Lingerie

Dainty undergarments of fine cambric and nainsook, handsomely embroidered by hand. Drawers, skirts, corset covers, night gowns, chemise and combination garments are shown in a variety of styles. A pretty gift for Christmas.

We Encourage Early Shopping by Our
Special Price Offerings

WHY delay the choice of the Christmas gift? 'Tis the early shopper who fares the best with the grand assortments, in all their completeness, to choose from. Soon they'll show the effect of the brisk buying which has already begun, although our preparations were made on an unusually large scale. Hosts of appropriate things are here for your selection—gifts for the men, gifts which will delight the women—gifts which will make the little folks' Christmas a merry one. And best of all, "Popular" quality is guaranteed in every article you buy. Each day some specially priced item will be advertised which should convince you of the advantages of shopping early.

The "Man's Gift"

THE gift for "him" is easily chosen in this store. Scores of things for men's use are shown in attractive holiday boxes—things that women can select with confidence that style, quality and price are exactly right. And, 'tis well to remember, too, that the "Popular" prices make the Christmas money go further. We mention a few of the many very good items.

Silk lisle half hose, three pairs of assorted colors, or black, in a box

\$1.00 and \$1.50

Silk lisle half hose and four-in-hand tie to match, all colors, both for

\$1.00

Suspenders and hose supporters to match, a set

\$1.15

Knit four-in-hand ties and suspenders to match, a set

\$1.25

Silk Handkerchief, necktie and half hose to match, a set

\$2.00

Fancy Silk and Worsted Suspenders, regular \$1.25 values, a pair

98c

Hand finished, all silk, wide end four-in-hand ties, very handsome designs and colors, the regular 75c quality, each

50c

Men's dress gloves, extra qualities

\$1.00 to \$2.50

Smoking Jackets

\$5.00 to \$12.50

Bath Robes, handsome styles

\$3.50 to \$16.50

A Delightful Place Is Toyland

BRING the little folks to Toyland—you'll be sure to get some hint as to what will please them most. A grand collection of good, serviceable toys and dolls is here awaiting your choice. There are dolls of all kinds—the inexpensive ones of the handsome, large ones—ingenious mechanical and steam toys that are instructive and interesting—and a world of other toys and games.

Magie Lanterns, Moving Picture Machines, Photo Scopes, Doll Furniture, Doll Trunks, Toy Pianos, Express Wagons, Automobiles, Shooting Galleries, Velocipedes, Tricycles, Doll Carriages and Go-Carts, Steam Engines, Toys that wind up, Children's Desks, Blackboards—and all good substantial ones.

The Popular "Half Dollar" Doll

They're beautiful! The best and prettiest kind ever sold for a half-dollar! One kind is 16 inches long, with full jointed body, movable eyes, and long curly hair. The other is 14 inches long with jointed kid body, bisque head, with movable eyes and natural hair.

50c

Grand Assortments of Xmas Handkerchiefs
Every Kind That's Suitable for Christmas Giving is Found
Here—for Men, for Women, for Children

EVERY kind of good Handkerchief is found in our splendid assortments—The beautiful hand embroidered ones, the dainty lace trimmed ones, the plain, serviceable, hemstitched ones, the less expensive ones in plain and fancy styles and many pretty ones for the little folks. Many of the pretty styles for women's use are put up, a half dozen or three, in an attractive box, ready for presentation. In the men's department many good values are offered in both the linen and silk.

SPECIAL

Special lot of plain hemstitched, initial, embroidered and lace edged handkerchiefs, made of sheer swiss, linen finish cambric and Shamrock linen. Very pretty styles, worth up to 15c. Each

10c

SPECIAL

Special lot of both women's and children's handkerchiefs, embroidered, hemstitched, colored border, and lace trimmed, good qualities and very neat designs. Kinds regularly sold for \$1.3c, each

5c

Handsomeness Satin Sofa Pillows

Tomorrow we place on sale a remarkably pretty lot of sofa pillows finished, ready to use. The tops are of extra quality satin in beautiful designs and colors, and the pillow of good soft down. One of these should find a place on your Christmas list. A

\$1.39

Sale of Trimmed Hats at Half

No woman who needs a hat, either for the street or for dress, can afford to allow this opportunity to pass unnoticed. Without exception a half price has been marked on every one of our handsome trimmed hats, including the imported models. Nearly all of these are exclusive models, perfect in style, original in effect and most desirable. When you take into consideration our former low prices, you will appreciate the wonderful savings that this half pricing means.

Slippers For Xmas

A good gift and one which means hours of comfort to the one who receives them. Our showing includes almost every style for people of all sizes. Women's felt slippers, both plain and fur trimmed, with good quality leather soles. In black, brown, wine and grey and in all

\$1.00

Women's and Children's Knitted Slippers with leather soles. In red, pink, blue and black, very pretty styles and a very special price

49c

Men's leather and felt house slippers in the opera, Everett and Romeo styles, in tan, black and wine colors. All sizes

\$1.50 to \$3.00

Gloves For Christmas

Good gloves will make a lasting remembrance—all the more acceptable if they're Fownes' gloves. We not only recommend but fully guarantee these gloves, and you can give them with the assurance of giving the best.

Help
in the
Fight
Against
Tuber-
culosis---
Red
Cross
Stamps
1c
Each

SHOP EARLY

Special Pricing of
Draperies

THE offerings in the Drapery Section (basement) will prove of extraordinary interest to every woman. Many of the items are materials suitable for use in making the Christmas fancy things, others are quite appropriate for gifts. Our pricing of these is low—lower by far than is common.

Swiss, Scrim and Madras
All Portieres, Couch Covers,
Table Covers, Net, Lace,
Curtains

1-5 Off

Net, Swiss and lace
Bed Sets

1-5 Off

Fancy Curtain Nets, new
designs in white, cream
and ecru

1-5 Off

35c Stenciled Scrim, a yard

25c

75c Imported Curtain Madras

59c

50c Cream and White Imp. Madras, 39c

98c

12 1/2 50-inch Aurora Cloth

98c

12 1/2 2c Fancy Silklines

9c

35c Fancy Cretannes

29c

17c Fancy Cretannes

14c

12 1/2 2c Fancy Cretannes

11c

Fancy Sateens, worth to 35c

18c

"Wood to Burn"
50c Patterns, 29c

If you have a piece of "burnt wood" on your gift list, this sale of patterns will lessen the cost of that gift. Thursday and Friday we offer a big lot of glove, handkerchief and neck tie boxes, pipe, tie and towel racks, panels and plaques of all sizes, stamped in handsome designs, ready to burn, at a very low price. Regular 50c articles

29c

Art Department

SCORES of pleasing suggestions for Christmas are found in this department—stamped pieces for working, and pretty little things ready made. Most of them are inexpensive, and all of them, even the finest, are reasonably priced. For the "early shoppers" we have prepared three special tables filled with suitable gift things.

25c—Pretty crotone and art cloth fancy bags of various kinds, pillow tops, and other stamped pieces, and fancy hair pins, and hat pin holders.

48c—Stamp and shoe bags, glove, handkerchief and necktie boxes of fancy art cloth, pin cushions, etc.

98c—Many art leather novelties, stamped things, work bags, table covers, sofa pillows, pillow tops, velvet, pillow tops, coat hangers and many other pretty novelties.

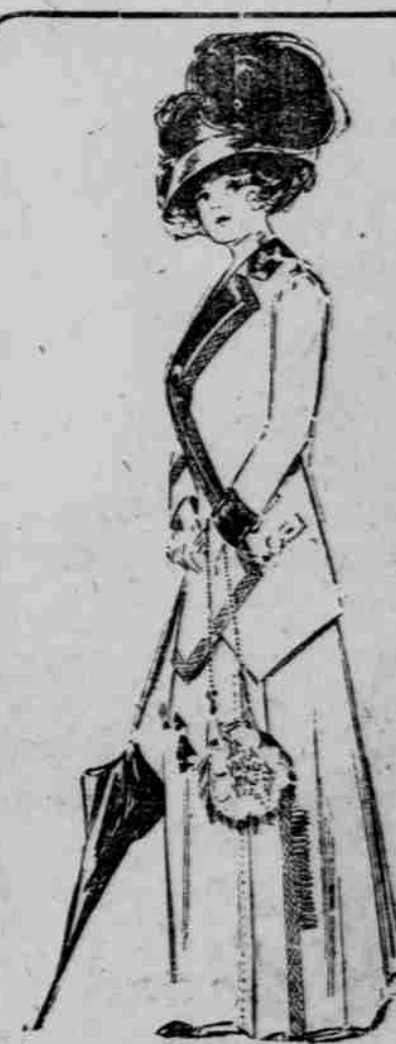
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\$15.50

\$19.50

\$24.50

\$29.50

WHICHEVER suit you choose you can do so assured of obtaining absolutely the best you ever bought for the price. You are to judge for yourself as to the real value—we do not say that this suit was formerly that much or that that suit is worth such a price—but do say that never has such an opportunity presented itself, for the purchase of a new, stylishly made, hand tailored and genuinely good tailormade suit at so low prices. All this week this sale will continue—do not allow yourself to regret at some time in the future that you permitted this great chance to pass by—buy a suit this week.

\$15.50

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